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 implementation of several mods & performance of certain
 10-yr inservice insps. Ltr documents position re performance
 of Type A leak testing during Summer 1981 outage.

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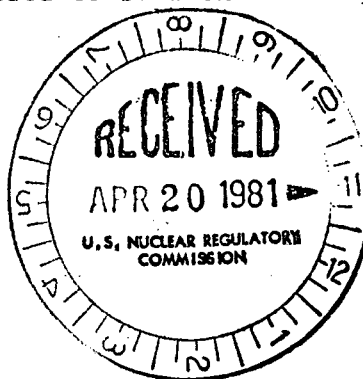
Re: Oconee Nuclear Station; Unit 1
Docket No. 50-269

Dear Sir:

Duke Power will shut down Oconee Unit 1 this summer for refueling, implementation of several significant modifications, and the performance of certain 10-year in-service inspections. With regard to this last item, it is planned to do a portion of this inspection work this coming outage with the remainder of the 10-year in-service inspections being completed during the next refueling outage, currently planned for early 1983. The purpose of this letter is to document our position concerning the performance of a Type A leak test during the outage for the 10-year inspections.

10 CFR 50, Appendix J, III.D.1.(a) requires a Type A test "... at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period. The third test of each set shall be conducted when the plant is shutdown for the 10-year plant in-service inspections."

The code does not explicitly address multiple outages to conduct the 10-year inspections. Because the last Oconee 1 test was completed February 11, 1980, and in consideration of the requirement to conduct such tests on approximately equal intervals, the third Type A test of Oconee 1 will be conducted during the early 1983 refueling outage rather than the summer 1981 outage. This plan is deemed preferable and, as both outages together will be used to complete all 10-year inspection requirements, is considered to be within the Appendix J requirements.



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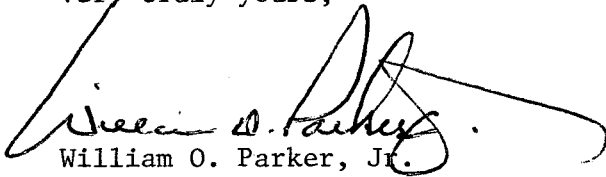
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Unless informed to the contrary, Duke Power considers this position to be acceptable to the NRC.

Very truly yours,



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